## BULLER MEETS DISASTER.

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eral hours. The British casualties were one man killed and seven wounded.

missing after the battle of Magersfontein, were

GROWING DEATH LIST OF OFFICERS. London, Dec. 15 .- The following named officers of the Highland Brigade, who were reported

Captain the Hon. CUM- Lieutenant RAMSEY, MING-BRUCE, Captain MACFARLANE,

The following died of their wounds: Colonel DOWNMAN, Lieutenant CAMPRELL

A FIGHT NEAR ORANGE RIVER. A FORCE OF BOERS DRIVEN BACK FROM A RIVER FORD BY THE BRITISH.

London, Dec. 15 .- The War Office has received the following dispatch:

From the officer commanding at Orange River, From the officer commaning at Orange River, Thursday, December 14:
Yesterday part of the mounted infantry under Captain Bradshaw and the Yorkshires' and Lancashires' Guides under Lieutenant Macfarlane patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan Drift, about ten miles cast of the Orange River, to reconnoitre and report the strength of the enemy reported to be holding.

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"Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed.
Lieutenant Gregson, of the East Kents, and Lieutenant Gregson, of the East Kents, and the men were wounded, "The Boers had five men killed and several wounded."

BOERS REPULSED AT MAFEKING. THE FACT OFFICIALLY ADMITTED IN A PRETORIA DISPATCH.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.-It is officially announced that Molopo, west of Mafeking, was bombarded December 11. Sharp fighting occurred. The Boers attacked a British post at Mafeking during the night of December 10. After severe

fighting the Boers were repulsed and retired to

ENGLAND AND DELAGOA BAY.

Berlin, Dec. 15 .- The Foreign Office asserts that nothing is known there regarding the alleged intention of England to occupy Delagoa

MACDONALD ORDERED TO AFRICA. THE HERO OF OMDURMAN TO COMMAND A DIVISION OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

London, Dec. 15 .- Considerable satisfaction is felt both in military and civilian circles by the announcement that General Hector Macdonald, whose splendid defeat of the Dervishes' flank attack at Omdurman turned a critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India immediately, to succeed the late General Wauchope in command of the Highland Brigade. General Tucker, commanding at Secunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape, to command

Colonel Hector Archibald Macdonald, of the Royal Fusiliers, has risen from the ranks since 1880. He made his name conspicuous for repeated acts of bravery while serving as a private in the Afghan war. He obtained his commission at the age of twenty-seven, eight years from the date of his enlistment. He has already served in the Transvaal, having been captured in 1881, after a fierce fight, at Majuba Hill. Until he was summoned to go to South Africa on September 1, his most recent ser-South Africa on September I, his most recent services had been at Omdurman, where he commanded a Soudanese regiment. His distinguished services in the Soudan war were only the last of a long series which began with the expedition to Cabul with Sir Frederick Roberts, and included the Nile expedition, for the relief of General Gordon. Until May of the present year, he has since 1890 seldom been out of Africa. He knows Arabic so thoroughly that it has almost given an accent to his English. He is a Highlander, and on his return home the combined Highland associations in London gave him a sword of solid gold, inlaid with rubles and diamonds.

TO FORCE BRITISH RECOGNITION. BOER GOVERNMENT'S LATEST REPLY TO MR. MACRUM'S REQUEST FOR

Lourenço Marques, Dec. 13.-Charles Macrum, late United States Consul at Pretoria, will leave here for New-York Saturday, December 16. W. Stanley Hollis, the United States Consul here, will assume the duties of Mr. Macrum's office until the arrival of the latter's successor.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Mr. Macrum, United States Consul at Pretoria, has cabled the State Department that the Transvanl Government has informed him that full reports will be given through the War Office of the republic of the names and condition of British prisoners when applied for by British authorities. Mr. Macrum preferred a request for information on this point some time ago, and it was at first refused. Now, however, that the assent of the Boer Government is given, it is noted that their response is not complete. They will not furnish Mr. Mam himself with the information, but oblige British to make application to the Boer War ce. This is a small matter, but, it is said, indicative of an intention on the part of the Boers to force formal recognition of their the British Government.

the British Government.

Mr. Macrum has succeeded in another undertaking, having secured the release of the British subject Robertson, a civilian, who had been arrested by the Boers and confined at Pretoria on the charge of being a spy. Upon Mr. Macrum's representations the Transvaal Government has released Robertson on condition that he leave the country at once and remain out of it.

STORY OF THE IRISH MUTINY DENIED. Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 15 .- The story printed in "The Freeman's Journal" to the effect that the Reserves of the Royal Irish Regiment while embarking on their way to South Africa at this port on Wednesday sang "God Save Ireland," cheered the Boers and President Krüger and threw their rifles into the river, is absolutely unfounded. Nothing whatever occurred g the men beyond the pathetic leavetakings have been witnessed at all similar embar-

London, Dec. 15 .- The Reserves of the Royal Irish Regiment paraded at Aldershot this morning in full marching order. They will embark for South Africa to-morrow from Southampton.

LONDON STOCK MARKET NERVOUS.

London, Dec. 15.-The Stock Exchange was

Washington, sails for Cape Town to-morrow on the steamer Mexican. He expects to visit the Transveal. Hugo de Bathe, Mrs. Langtry's husband, will also sail on the Mexican.

DEEP GLOOM IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 16.-The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater, as during the last forty-eight hours there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the War Office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this ac-

The gloomy information came too late to reach the Service Clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the War Office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that General Buller could fail.

Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently, in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would incore success.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through; but General Buller's own dispatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been trapped again by the astute Boers. e drift. The mounted infantry found a strong tachment of the enemy at the Drift, and a arp engagement ensued. The enemy ulti-It was not anticipated that General Buller would make a frontal attack; but no criticisms of his movements are made, since apparently he suffered a repulse rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack home, but broke it off in the middle so as to save a useless sacrifice of

It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly. Immediately on receiving the news the War Office decided to mobilize still another division, and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible.

COMMENTS OF LONDON PRESS.

London, Dec. 16.-The news of General Buller's reverse was received so late that morning newspaper comment to-day is confined to perfurctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment, and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. The latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history

since the Indian Mutiny. "The Standard" says: General Buller's dispatch is deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and of British troops marching up blindly almost and of British troops marching up blindly almost to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that subduing Boec formers is about the hardest work. ers is about the hardest work we have entered upon since the Indian Mutiny. Their command-auts have shown themselves able to give our generals useful, but expensive, lesson; in modern

"The Times" says: Since the days of the Indian Mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, General Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and General

PRO-BOER IRISHMEN NOT SHIPPED HERE. The report which came from Cleveland a few days ago, that a party of twenty-five young Irish-Amer-icans had left that city for New-York, whence they were to take a steamer for Europe to-day, with the intention of joining an Irish regiment being re-Intention of foining an Irish regiment being re-cruited in Paris to fight on the Boer side in South Africa, was carefully investigated among the steamship offices in this city yesterday, as well as when the report arrived, and could not be verified at either time. The story was laughed at, and at every office visited it was emphatically declared that no party of Irish-Americans had been booked for passage, and that no word of such a delega-tion had come to the agents of the respective lines.

FUND FOR BOER WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

A fund known as "The Amercan Transvaal Fund to Aid Widows and Orphans of the Beera" has been started to swell a similar fund begun by the Afrikander and Bond members of Parliament of Cape Colony. The appeal sent out by the committee a trope Town to their countrymen is in part as follows:

It is not our object to inquire to whom all this misery and calamity which await our country, owing to the existing circumstances, are due, Mach more does it belle without such inquiry, owing to the existing circumstances, are due, Mach more does it belle without such inquiry, owing impulse which fills the heart of our people with a desire to do something in all of our kinsmen and friends beyond the Orange and Vaal tivers, by giving it an opportunity to express itself in some legitimate manner in work and deed. What may, what can, we Colonial Afrikanders do in this subjects forbid this, even should other circumstances onto oppose such a course of action. But what neither the law nor the duty of the subject forbids, and what, moreover, agrees in every frespect with all principles of religion and humanity, which and the work may what can, we Colonial Afrikanders do in this subjects forbid this, even should other circumstances not oppose such a course of action. But what neither the law nor the duty of the subject forbids, and what, moreover, agrees in every frespect with all principles of religion and humanity, which and what, moreover, agrees in every frespect with all principles of religion and humanity, which subjects forbid this even should other circumstances not oppose such a course of action. But what neither the law nor the duty of the subject forbids, and what, moreover, agrees in every frespect with all principles of religion and humanity, which and beside the classifiles of the interest of commerce.

We confidently rely upon public opinion to effect which will be of the greatest to all the classifiles of the increase of the interest of commerce.

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scribe ourselves with due respect your obedien N. F. DE WAAL, M. L. A. JOS. N. HOFFMAN, M. L. A. J. H. HOFMEYR. THOS. P. THERON, M. L. A. Cape Town, October 10, 1839.

The treasurer of the American fund is George W. Van Sielen, at No. 141 Broadway.

A WEST COAST CABLE WORKING. The Commercial Cable Company yesterday issued the following notice:

We are advised that cable communication between the island of St. Thomas and St. Paul de Loanda, west coast of Africa, has been restored.

THE CYMRIC NOW A TROOPSHIP.

The American general agency of the White Star Line of steamships was yesterday informed by the home office that the British Government had exercised its privilege of making a demand on the com-pany for the Cymric as a troopship. The Cymric sailed from this port on November 28, and is now at Liverpool. She will sail for South Africa with relief troops next week.

REPORTED RISE IN PRICES OF MEAT.

IT IS SAID HERE THAT ADVICES FROM CHICAGO DO NOT INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ADVANCE.

There was a report about yesterday to the effect that the prices of meat had been raised in Chicago and that a similar boosting of prices might be looked for soon in this city. Investigation does not, however, seem to bear out the truth of this report, for when T. J. Connors, who is superintendent for Armour & Co. at Manhattan Market, in this city, was seen there yesterday he said:

intensely nervous all day long, and the tone of the market bounced from the heavens to the depths as the rumors in regard to the relief of Ladysmith were supported or discredited. Karfirs-losed firm. Rand Mines at 38%, Gold Fields at 75-16 and Chartereds at 39-16.

Two additional failures announced on the Stock Exchange to-day were of little importance.

MR. DAVIS SAILS FOR THE CAPE.

London, Dec. 15.—Webster Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior at

off in making purchases here, as he would expect a drop in prices, and he would be likely to jump in and buy when it is the other way about.

TWO PERMITS REVOKED. THE SENATE COMMITTEES

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS. Washington, Dec. 15.-The following Army and Navy orders have been issued:

Captain EDWIN R. BUTLER, assistant quartermaster under orders to proceed to San Francisco, is honorable discharged.

e leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability granted to Sevond Lieutenant CHARLES S. FOSTER 6th Intantry, October 20, is extended one month. Leave of absence for one month is granted to Captain HOBART K. BAILEY, 5th Infantry.

Captain EDWARD LLOYD, 15th Infantry, when relieved from recruiting duty at Baltimore, will await the arrival of his regiment from Cube, when he will fell his command.

eleave of absence granted to First Lieutenant WILL-IAM H. BERTSCH, commissary, 15th Infantry, No-tember 13. Department of Santiago and Puerto Prin-cipe, is extended one month, at Lieutenant DOUGLAS SETTLE, 10th Infantry, will proceed, when relieved from recruiting duty at Raleigh.

N. C., to Fort Mackenzie, and enter upon duty at that

Post.

Itst Lieutenant HENRY G. LYON, 24th Infantry, will be relieved from Fort Harrison, Montana, and will repair to Washington and report to the General Hospital, Washington Barracks, for surgical treatment.

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The extension of leave of absence granted to Second
Lieutenant FRANK B. HAWKINS, 15 Infantry (then
second lieutenant, 3d Infantry). October 5, is further
extended one month.

Leave of absence for three months on account of sickuses is granted to Major LEDON A. MATILE, 14th

Captain FREDERICK P. REYNOLDS, assistant surgeon will proceed from New-York City on the transport Summer about January 15, to Manila, for assignment ne ordinary leave of absence granted to Captain LAW-RENCE J. HEARN, 21st Infantry, November 20, is changed to leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability, and he has permission to apply for an extension of one month.

month.

The leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability granted to Captain JAMES D. NICKERSON, 17th Infantry, October 20, is extended one month.

Colonel JACOB B. RAWLES, 3d Artillery, is detailed as a member of the Examining Board at the Presidio of San Francisco, vice Lieutenant Colonel Wallace F. Randolph, 3d Artillery (now colonel, 1st Artillery).

Pirst Lieutenant GEORGE H. M'MANUS 3d Artillery).

(promoted from second lieutenant, 3d Artillery), will report to the Examining Board at the Presidio to determine his fitness for promotion.

NAVY. Captain A. S. SNOW is assigned to additional duty as chief of staff, North Atlantic Station. Captain T. F. JEWELL, is detached from command of the Brooklyn, ordered home and await orders.

Captain Y. STIBLING is assigned to additional duty in charge of Fifth Lighthouse District, Baitimore. Lieutenant Commander J. M. HELM is assigned to ad-ditional duty in charge of Fifteenth Lighthouse Dis-trict, St. Louis. tenant Commander W. P. DAY will resume duties

eutenant R. O. BITLER is assigned to additional duty Ensign F. N. FREEMAN is detached from the Vixen and ordered to line duties on the Massachusetts, Decem-

Lieutenant Commander W. B. CAPERTON is ordered to the Navy Yard, Norfolk, December 21, the Navy Yard, Norfolk, December 21.

Lieutenant A. G. KAVANAGH is ordered to the Independence January 6.

Commander C. P. PERKINS, order of December 11 detaching from command of the Michigan and to charge of Fifteenth Lighthouse District is revoked.

Changes of officers on the Asiatic Station:

nsigns D. W. WURTSBAUGH and H. E. YARNELL are detached from the Yorktown and ordered to the

Lieutenant C. THOMAS is detached from the Baltimore and ordered home

THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Dec. 15 .- At the business session of

the National Civil Service League to-day all the old officers were re-elected, and resolutions which read in part as follows were adopted:

The league regards the order issued by the President on May 29 last, withdrawing several thousand places from the classified service and relaxing the rules intended to prevent evasions of the law, as the first unmistakable backward step taken by the Federal Administration since the Civil Service law was passed. The injurious effects of this order have already been seen in the demoralization of many parts of the Federal service, the encouragement of the enemies of reform in their efforts to cripple the merit system and secure a further reripple the merit system and secure a further re-axation of the rules, and in the widespread dis-rust of the promises of the President and the arty in power to enforce and extend the Civil Ser-

The principal address of the afternoon session of the league was by Charles J. Bonaparte, of Balti-more, who spoke on the "Spoils System in the Gov-ernment of Dependencies."

THE COUNTRY'S WHEAT CROP.

TIBLD LAST SEASON PLACED AT 547,300,000 BUSH-ELS-A LARGER ACREAGE SOWN. Washington, Dec. 15 .- The statistician of the De-

partment of Agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, or 12.3 bushels an acre. The production of winter wheat is placed at 291,-700,000 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 255,-

600,000 bushels. Every important wheat growing State has been risited by special agents of the Department, and the changes in acreage are the result of their in-

The newly scheduled area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,150,000 acres, which is about 200,000 acres greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The sowing of wheat is still going on in California and some of the Southern States, and the fore-

na and some of the Southern States, and the foregoing estimate is subject to correction. The average of condition is 37.1.

The acreage sown with winter rye is estimated
at 7 per cent less than that of last year. The
average of condition is 39.2 per cent.

The compliation of the annual returns from individual farmers is approaching completion. Any
slight changes that may be called for in the average yield an acre of corn, oats, barley and other
crops, as published on October 19, will be made at
an early date, and the final figures will then be
available.

MATE SAID HE WAS A LUNATIC.

THE NEXT DAY HE DISAPPEARED FROM THE SCHOONER SUSIE PLUMMER.

A story of a peculiar and interesting nature has been told by Captain Clayton of the four masted ner Susie Plummer, which is now discharging a load of lumber at the yard of Ichabod T. Williams & Sons, at Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Captain Clayton says that when he was ready to sail from New-Orelans he was without a mate, and shipped a stranger. All went well until they had shipped a stranger. All went well until they had been several days on their voyage, when the new mate told the captain that he was a lunatic and had escaped from an asylum at New-Orleans. He assured the captain that he was harmless, and said that when the schooner reached New-York he would return to the asylum.

The captain resolved to watch the mate, but on the day following he disappeared. The captain said he must have jumped overhoard. Captain Clayton said that the man was perfectly satisfactory as a seaman, and that he would never have known that he was insane if he had not been told.

JUDGE KRUSE IN THE SUPREME COURT. Albany, Dec. 15.-Governor Roosevelt has appointed Judge Frederick W. Kruse, of Cattaraugus County, to the vacant Supreme Court judgeship in the Eighth Judicial Department, made vacant by the appointment to a full term of Judge Truman C. White. Judge Kruse was elected to the county judgeship in 1897.

A THOUSAND MINERS' WAGES ADVANCED. Pittsburg, Dec. 15.-A general advance of 16 per ent in wages to the one thousand employes of the Bessemer steel department has been granted by the Jones & Laughlins Iron and Steel Company, to take effect on January 1. A similar advance in all departments of the plant is practically assured when the contracts for next year are signed. This will affect five thousand men. The advance is based on the present prosperous condition of the iron and steel markets, and the firm's policy of allowing its men an equitable share of increased profits.

Plymouth was used as a tender to Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock, and was occupied by the crew of the cup challenger during its stay in Sandy Hook Bay. The Plymouth is now at the Lighthouse Department docks at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, where she is being overhauled and remodelled for lighthouse service along the coast.

AUTOMOBILES OF MESSRS, RICE AND

SELIGMAN DO NOT SUIT MR. CLAUSEN. Commissioner Clausen has revoked the permits grantel to Jefferson Seligman, of No. 21 Broad-st., and to Isaac L. Rice, of No. 20 Broad-st., to operate electric automobile carriages in Central Park. The reason for the revocation of these permits was that both had sent automobile cabs or coaches into the Park; Mr. Rice on Thursday and Mr. Seligman a few days ago. As far as is known Mr. Selig

man was not compelled to show his permit for the cab, but on Thursday the coach sent in by Mr. Rice

was stopped every few yards or so. Thursday afternoon one of the old fashioned electric coaches operated by a man in uniform en-tered at Fifty-ninth-st. and Eighth-ave. The permit of Mr. Rice was shown and the coach was allowed to enter the Park. Commissioner Clausen happened to be driving in the Park at the time He passed the electric automobile coach, and, turning about, rode up to the operator and looked at alm closely.

Captain England of the Park Squad came along, and Commissioner Clausen ordered him to stor the cab. Captain England went up to the cab. and the operator displayed a permit signed by commissioner Clausen and granted to Mr. Rice. Captain England reported to Commissioner Clausen, and the cab was allowed to go on its way. But it soon became rumored about that an electric coach had been stopped in the Park by order of Commissioner Clausen, and every policeman stopped the cab. The annoyance was so great

Yesterday Commissioner Clausen revoked the permits, saying that the permit did not allow the old fashined cabs or coaches to enter the Park. and that the person to whom the permit was granted must either be in charge or operating the

automobile carriage. Mr. Clausen said: automobile carriage. Mr. Clausen said:

I would not term the lumbering affair that was in the Park yesterday a pleasure carriage. It was one of those old fashioned coaches of the first make, and calculated to frighten any animal. Now, I had a talk with all the gentlemen to whom the permits were granted, and they well understood the nature of the gradual issuing of the permits. I thought they did at any rate. I believe that they had a misconception of the scope of the permit when they handed them to uniformed operators to enter the Park. The permit was certainly not intended to allow coaches or cabs in the Park.

possible that the men thought that the covered every kind of an electric coach. permit covered every kind of an electric coach. These men will have to make new applications, and will have to take their turns.

Winslow E. Buzby, who made the protest and instituted the test case of automobiles in the Park, sent a long protest to Commissioner Clausen yesterday morning against the failure to grant to

terday morning against the failure to grant to him a permit, his application having been in for two years. Mr. Buzby stated in his letter that he was being ignored and others preferred over him, though in point of priority of application he should have had a permit long ago.

Commissioner Clausen denied that he had acted in a prejudiced manner, and stated that there was a long list of applicants, and each one, under the plan of gradual admission, must bide his time.

Mr. Seligman was seen at his home last evening. He said he had had no official notice that his permit had been revoked, and did not know what action he would take in the matter. Mr. Seligman said that he had three electric automobiles—a brougham, a victoria and a phaeton. The latter he operated himself, and the others were operated by an operator and a footman. Continuing, Mr. Seligman said:

man said;

"I am a citizen and pay considerable taxes. Mr. Clausen is the same, except that he is also a Park Commissioner. He takes this means of stopping the march of progress, but he cannot do it. The automobile will eventually take the place of horses, in fact, I have already sold my horses and rely exclusively on the electric carriages.

"My wife uses the brougham and victoria, and only rides in the Park while crossing from Fifthave, to Central Park West. I think Mr. Clausen's action in revoking my license is a piece of high handed business. I learned by telephone that Mr. Clausen's secretary was preparing a letter to be sent to me, informing me of the Park Commissioner's action."

COAST AND INSULAR SURVEYS.

WORK OF THE NEW SENATE COMMITTEE OUT-LINED BY CHAIRMAN FOSTER.

Washington, Dec. 15.-Senator Foster, chairman

Senate calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the present progress of the surveys and the plan which he proposes for their development in new possessions.

SUES A HOSPITAL FOR HEAVY DAMAGES.

MISS HELEN D. WARD ASKS \$30,000 FOR ALLEGED INJURIES.

The second trial of the action brought by Miss Helen D. Ward against the St. Vincent's Hospital of the City of New-York, to recover \$30,000 for injuries she alleges she received while a patient in the institution, was begun yesterday before Jus tice Leventritt and a jury in the Supreme Court. The suit was dismissed on the former trial by Justice Cohen on a technical ground, and an appeal was taken. Justice Barrett, who wrote the decision of the Appellate Division, held that the dismissal of the action should be reversed, as a contract had been entered into by the hospital authorities to supply a skilled nurse, whereas Miss Kinney, who attended Miss Ward, was only a novice, having served only nine months out of the term of two years required before graduation as a trained nurse, Miss Ward told her story to the Jury. She is a sister-in-law of ex-Judge Henry E. Howland, and was accompanied into court by her sister, Mrs. Clara W. Howland. She walked with extreme difficulty and only with the ald of a stick.

She testified that, acting under the advice of her physician, Dr. Lusk, she took a room in St. Vincent's Hospital on February 20, 1894, for a week paying \$25 and \$3 a day for the services of a skilled nurse. An operation had to be performed on her right leg, which was done by Dr. Lusk and Dr. Hughes, the house surgeon at the hospital. She only became conscious after being in bed for some time, and found her leg paining her. The nurse told her a hot water bag was lying on it.

The result of the contact of the bag was that her leg where the wound had been made was severely burned, she alleges, and though she engaged several doctors was only headed in the December of 1896. Miss Ward's examination had not been finished when the court adjourned until Monday. who attended Miss Ward, was only a novice, hav

THE DAIRY CONVENTION ADJOURNS. Cortland. N. Y., Dec. 15.—The following officers were elected to-day at the Dairymen's Convention, held here: President, George A. Smith, Frankfort; vice-president, Professor H. H. Wing, Ithaca; treasurer, F. E. Dawley, Fayetteville; secretary, W. W. Hall, Gouverneur; honorary vice-presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Timothy Woodruff, C. A. Wiet-

W. W. Hall, Gouvernear, honorary vice-pleasers. Theodore Roosevelt, Timothy Woodruff, C. A. Wieting, W. Cary Sanger, George H. Hyde, Charles H. Royce, Frederick H. Merry, W. E. Dana, J. P. Clark, R. H. Bent, E. J. Freston, C. M. Lamont, P. A. Converse, E. A. Van Alstyne, A. D. Harrington and V. C. Beebo.

A resolution was adopted urging the Witter Assembly Committee to investigate tuberculosis and other animal diseases, and to petition the Legislature to remove the care of bovine tuberculosis from the State Board of Health and vest it in the State Department of Agriculture; also to petition the Legislature to enact laws to protect herds from the spread of infectious diseases. A resolution was adopted petitioning Congress to enact laws making food products, transported from State to State or from Territory to State, subject to the law of the State entered, the same as though manufactured there, and not to exempt them by reason of their being brought into the State in the original package.

A resolution was also adopted petitioning Congress to enact a law forbidding food products from being falsely branded or labelled as to the State where produced.

The convention adjourned to-night.

THE PLYMOUTH BOUGHT BY GOVERNMENT. The Government has purchased the steel screw steamer Plymouth, of Boston, for \$80,000. Plymouth was used as a tender to Sir Thomas

MR. ALDRICH ANNOUNCES THEIR COM-PLETION-MINORITY ASSIGNMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The practical completion f the Senate Committees for the LVIth Congress vas announced officially to-day by Mr. Aldrich, of Rhode Island. He presented to the Senate an order fixing the committees and it was adopted without dissent. A few vacancies in the minority repreentation are yet to be filled. They will be disposed of in a few days. No other business of importance was transacted, and the Senate adjourned until Monday. In addition to the changes in committees announced yesterday, the following were made as the Democratic selections:

Agriculture—Senator Harris succeeds Senator Clay.
Appropriations—Senator Tillman is added to the
Democratic membership.
Coast and Insular Survey (new)—The Democratic
members are Morgan, Berry, Clay and Culberson.
Contingent Expenses—Senator Jones (Nev.) retains the chairmanship.
Census—Senators Lindsay and Kenney are added and a vacancy is left for Senator Allen, of Nebraska. Senator Pettigrew retires from the committee.

Claims-Senator Tallaferro is the only new Democratic member. A vacancy is left for Senator

Coast Defences—Senators Culberson and Talla-ferro are the new Democratic members. Commerce—Senators Martin and Clay are the Commerce—Senators Martin and Clay are the new Democratic members.
Corporations in District of Columbia—Senator Caffery succeeds Senator Daniel as chairman, and Senator McLaurin is added to the committee.
District of Columbia—Senators Mallory, Sullivan and Clark (Mont.) are the new Democratic members.
Education and Labor—A vacancy left for Senator Allen.

Allen. Engrossed Bills-Senator Cockrell retains the Chairmanship.
University of the United States—Senator Sullivan retires and Senators Caffery and Chilton become

The Democratic membership remains as Finance—It.
present.
Fisherles—A vacancy is left for Senator Allen.
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Foreign Relations—No change in Democratic Forest Reservations-A vacancy is left for Sena-

tor Alen.

Geological Survey—The new Democratic members are Senators Rawlins and Clark (Mont.).

Inimigration—No Democratic changes.

Indian Affairs—Senator Petitisrew retires from the chairmanship and takes first place on the minority representation. Senator Clark (Mont.) is added to the committee. the committee.
Indian Depredations—Senators Berry and Pettus
are the new Democratic members.
Inte oceanic Cana's—Senator Morgan is chairman,
and Senators Harris, Turner and Culberson become

members.
Interstate Commerce—No change in minority membership, A vacancy is left for Senator Allen.
Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands—Senator Jones (Nev.) is added to the minority, and a vacancy is left for Senator Allen.
Judiciary—Senator Teller heads the minority membership; no change.
Lb ary—No change.
Manufactures—Senators Clay and McLaurin are added to the minority membership.

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Military Affairs—Senator Harris is added.

Mines and Mining—Senator Clark (Mont.) is

Navad Affairs—No change.
Organization of Executive Departments—Senator
Butler succeds Senator Cockrell and Senator Taliaterro is added.

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Pacific Islands and Porto Rico (new)—The minor-try members are Senators Cockrell, Pettigrew, Mal-lory and Clark (Mont.).

Pac fic Railroads—Senator Taliaferro is added.

Patents—A vacancy is left for Senator Allen.

Pensions—Senator Taliaferro is added and a vacancy is left for Senator Allen.

Philippines (new)—The minority members are Senators Rawlins, Turley and Culberson, and a vacancy is left for Senator Allen.

Postoffices—Senator Culberson succeeds Senator Money.

named: uris, to the Privileges and Elections; Culbertris, to the Public Buildings and Grounds; Heitfeld, to lie Lands; Clark ((Mont.), to Railroads; Jones o.), to Relations with Canada; Cockrell and on, to Rules; Clark (Mont.), to Territories; Suln, to Potomac River Front; McEnery, to Navi Banks an Banks. acancies are also left for Senator Allen on the imities on Transportation Routes to the Sea-rd, Potomac River, Front and Trespasses on

Indian Lands.

Private Land Claims—Senator Teller is chairman, and Mr. McEnery added.

Relations with Cuba (new)—The minority members are Senators Teller, Money, Butler and Tallaferro. Revolutionary Claims—Senator Lindsay, chairman, Senator Bacon retires.

Woman Suffrage—Senator Daniel, chairman, Accommodations for Congressional Library—Senator Berry, chairman.

Accommodate Accomm ELECTIONS CLERKS DISMISSED.

POLICE COMMISSIONER YORK SAYS THE WORK OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY OF THEM WILL BE DONE BY A CONTRACTING FIRM.

Fifty clerks who have been employed in copying registry and enrolment lists for the Brooklyn Bureau of Elections are to be dismissed to-day, ich to their surnrise. They had thought This action in regard to the clerks in Brooklyn is similar to that affecting one hundred employes of the Manhattan Bureau of Elections, who were summarily dismissed from service this week. The places of these one hundred and fifty or more clerks will be filled by young women, employed by a contracting firm. It is the opinion of the discharged copyists that their abrupt dismissal is largely due to the fact that they were all taken from the Civil Service lists and had no political influence. Some are so grieved by the action of the Police Com-

are so grieved by the action of the Police Commissioners that they say they will bring the case to the attention of the Civil Service Reform Association. It is said that Commissioner Abell was the only member of the Police Board who protested against this action. Bernard J. York, president of the Police Board, explains the discharge of the clerks as "economic expediency." He said yesterday:

"The law requires that three copies of the rolls be completed by December 15. We employed two hundred clerks to do this work. The law also requires that three additional copies be made by January I. To accomplish this work it would be necessary to hire more clerks than the two hundred who made the first copies, and the cost to the city would amount to about \$40,000. Accordingly, the Police Board advertised proposals for doing the copying, and received one bid for \$10,000 and another for \$6,000. The latter was bid by the Elliot-Hatch Company, and was accepted. This concern uses book writing machines instead of copying by hand, as the clerks are obliged to do, thereby saving a vast amount of time and expense. No, there is no politics in it."

EXPENSIVE SOLDIER VOTES.

Chief Clerk Kipp of the Police Board received from the Secretary of State of New-York yesterday a small scaled package containing the votes of the soldiers who were on duty last Election Day in Manila and Cuba and other places and who live

in this city. The package was opened in the presence of the Police Commissioners, General Rodenbough, of the Bureau of Elections; Senator Plunkitt, of the Democratic County Committee; Secretary George R. Manchester, of the Republican County Committee; Manchester, of the Republican County Committee:
Chairman Stoom of the Republican County Committee of Queens, and representatives of both parties in Queens. There were just thirty-one ballots in the package, one for Richmond County, ten for Kings and twenty for New-York. Each was in a sealed envelope.

The ballots will be sent to the inspectors of election of the election district in which they are to be cast, and as each ballot is for a different election district, there will have to be thirty-one polling places rehired for Tuesday, and thirty-one boards of inspectors will have to meet. Each vote will cost \$30 by this method.

SOUADRON A HAS A DINNER. The veterans of Squadron A, New-York's volum eer cavalry which served under Major General Nelson A. Miles in Porto Rico in the Spanish war, dined last night at the Hotel Manhattan, Madisonave, and Forty-second-st. It was the second anave, and Forty-second-st. It was the second an-nual dinner given since the troop's return from the war. In a spirit of comradeship the troopers dined without any table of honor. The teasts were informal and the responses spontaneous. The din-ner was held in "The American Room." The deco-rations were made with the troop's red and white guidons, with flags captured from the Spanish, some guns, swords and other trophies from the same source, and, of course, the National colors.

TO CONFER WITH SECRETARY GAGE. John Gibb, of Mills & Gibb, who is Chairman of the Customs Committee of The Merchants' Association, has received from the Secretary of the Treasury a letter acknowledging the receipt of the letter from the committee in relation to certain rulings recently made by Appraiser Wakeman on cotton fabrics, and appointing Monday at 10 a. m. as the time when the Secretary will meet the members of the committee for the purpose of hearing their arguments. The committee asked that the rulings should not become operative without due notice, as the radical departure brought about by

them would seriously affect a large number of importers. The committee will leave this city to morrow afternoon for Washington. Kenneth Barn hart, of Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, has telegraphed that he will join the committee in Wash

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